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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE INSPECTOR**
2 **GENERAL INVESTIGATION OF FOREST SERV-**
3 **ICE FIREFIGHTER DEATHS.**

4 (a) INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION.—In the case of
5 each fatality of an officer or employee of the Forest Serv-
6 ice that occurs due to wildfire entrapment or burnover,
7 the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture
8 shall conduct an investigation of the fatality. The inves-
9 tigation shall not rely on, and shall be completely inde-
10 pendent of, any investigation of the fatality that is con-
11 ducted by the Forest Service.

12 (b) SUBMISSION OF RESULTS.—As soon as possible
13 after completing an investigation under subsection (a), the
14 Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture shall
15 submit to Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture a re-
16 port containing the results of the investigation.

Passed the House of Representatives June 24, 2002.

Attest:

Clerk.